

VZCZCXRO9521
PP RUEHBC RUEHDE RUEHKUK RUEHROV
DE RUEHKU #1201 3531050
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
P 181050Z DEC 08
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2469
INFO RUEHEE/ARAB LEAGUE COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RHEHNSC/NSC WASHDC PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 001201

SIPDIS

NEA/ARP
IO/UNESCO KSIEKMAN

E.O. 12958: DECL: 10/14/2018
TAGS: [PARM](#) [PREL](#) [UNESCO](#) [KU](#)
SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: HOSNI LIKELY TO BE ARAB LEAGUE
UNESCO DG CANDIDATE

REF: SECSTATE 130916

Classified By: A/Political Counselor Thomas M. Rosenberger for reasons
1.4 b and d

(C) In response to reftel points on USG concerns over Egyptian Cultural Minister Farouk Hosni's potential candidacy for UNESCO Director-General, MFA International Organizations Deputy Director Dr. Hamad Bou Rahma told A/POLCOUNS on December 16 that he was unaware of the controversy surrounding Hosni. Bou Rahma agreed that the statements attributed to Hosni -- as relayed in the demarche -- would be harmful to UNESCO's image and detract from its mandates. However, he added, he understood Hosni to be the Arab League's candidate for the post, and that it was unlikely for the league to rally around another candidate.

For more reporting from Embassy Kuwait, visit:
<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/nea/kuwait/?cable s>

Visit Kuwait's Classified Website:
<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/nea/kuwait/>

JONES